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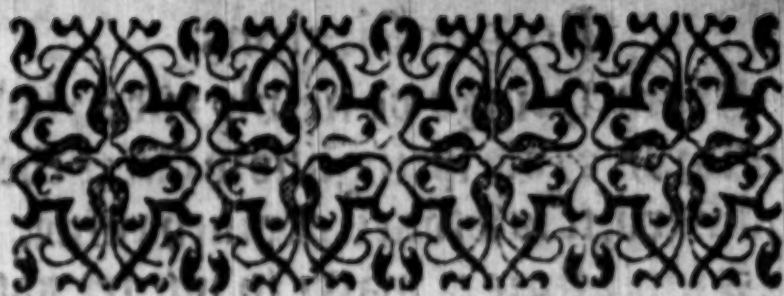
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*Signes and tokens signifying
raine.*



Raine Water beeing
drunke or suckt vp
by the earth sooner
then it is ordinarily
wont to bee, signifi-
eth raine to bee at
band.

If standing water bee at any time
warmer then it is commonly wont to
be, and no Sun shine helpe it, it foreshew-
eth raine.

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If any springs do newly rise or bubble forth, or old springs flow faster then ordinary, it is a token of much raine.

Small store of water in winter doth signifie a moist & wet spring to follow.

If Duckes and Drakes doe shake and flutter their wings when they rise, it is a signe of ensuing water.

The element being ouercast with darkenesse, duskie, and blakke clouds foretelleth raine to be at hand.

The appearing of the Rainebow in any cleare and faire weather, is a token of raine presently to follow.

If the Rainebow appeare toward the south it is a manifest token of great store of water to be in the aire which doth predominat the southerne parts.

The greener the Rainebow is, the greater store of raine it doth signifie.

If young asses rub their backs against the ground, it is a signe of great drops of raine to fall.

If in the evening it lighten onely in the North, it is a token of ensuing raine.

If in a cleare and starry night it lighten in the South or Southeast, it foretelleth

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telleth great store of winde and rayne
to come from those parts.

Lightning in a Summers evening,
is a token of raine to follow within three
daies after.

Lightning and thunder coming
from the North is a signe of raine.

If Oren do liche themselves against
the haire, it is a token of raine to follow
 shortly after.

If Oren feed apke when it raines, it
is a token that the raine shall continue
many daies after.

If Oren when they doe pisse or bel-
lowe looke vp to the skie, it signifieth
raing raine.

If the heat in summer bee more hotte
and violent then it is wont to be, it is a
token of raine.

If a Dogs guts or entrailes sticke
or rumble in his belly, it is a signe of
raine.

If salt or poudred meat be more moist
then it is ordinarily wont to be, it signi-
fieth raine.

The skie or element being red or fie-
ry in a morning, sheweth rayne to
follow.

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If the skye be moze full of starrs then ordinary, it is a token of rayne to follow shortly after.

If girdles or girts, or any thing else of Lether or silke Garters, or Ribbands do shrinke moze then ordinary, it is sign of raine.

If Doves or Pigeons come later home to their Dove houses in the evening then ordinary, it is a token of rain.

If liddes, or covers of wooden pots, barrells, or other vessels do swell, it is a signe of raine.

If Crows or Ravens flie together in great number, and that they croake and flutter their winges, it will rayne shortly after.

If Ravens or Crows do rest themselves upon Olive trees, picking of their owne feathers, it signifieth raine.

If Ravens, Crows or Doves croke or make any greater noise in fair weather then they are wont, it is a signe of much water to follow.

If Ravens, Crows or black birds, or Larkes flie aloft, and cry or squeake like unto Hawkes, it is a token of raine.

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If Crowes or Doves bath themselves in winter, or if they caw & pealk alongst any shoare more then they are commonly wont todo, then will rayne follow.

The caying of Crowes or Hawes, hopping or standing vpon rocks, stones or shelues in the Water, is a token of raine.

If the stringes of Musicke instruments breake of themselves, then will raine shortly follow.

The sparkling of a lampe or candle is a manifest signe of ensuing raine.

If soot fall doونه from a chimney more then ordinary, there will follow raine presently.

If Ants or Mites do often runne to their nestes or homes, it is a manifest token of raine.

If when it begins to rayne, Mice doe flatter their wings in the dust, or that they flocke together, and seek to shelter themselves from the rayne, it is a token of raine to follow.

If Cats doe lick their forefeet, and with them wash their head, it is a signe of raine.

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If gouty men, or such as are troubled with any old aches doe feele their ioints to ake, there will raine shortly followe after.

If Hearnes doe cry in a morning, it wil raine shortly after.

If the moone seem dark, greenish, foggy, louring, or dusky, or if it appeare the third day before, or the third day after the conjunction, it is a signe of ensuing raine.

If the bird called a Cormorant doe keepe the water still, it is a token of wind and raine.

If any thicke smoke come from the Mountaines that neither the winde or Sunne drive it away, it is a token of great store of raine.

If Flies or Gnats doe bite or sting soer then they are wont to doe, or hover about mennes eies, or mouthes of men or beastes, it is an euident token of raine.

If the cloudes appeare in the ayre, looking like vnto flæces of Woll, it is a signe of small store of raine.

Dusky and blake clouds in the ayre signifieth rayne.

Clouds

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Clouds appearing on the toppes of mountains or high places foreshet great waters.

Any cloud vpon the sea going away with a contrary winde, it is a signe of rayne.

The extraordinary crowing of peacocks is a manifest token of rayne.

If sheepe do bleat, play, or skip wantonly it is a signe of water.

If the Hearne shaw erpe extraordinarily, it is a certaine token of rayne.

The sweating of mens feete is a signe of chaunge of weather in the North, or of great cloudes and stormes.

If Swine bee seene to carry bottels of beere or strawe to any place, and hide them, it is a token of raine.

If Fleas bite faster then they are wont, it is a signe of water.

If Frogs doe croake more then ordinary, it is an apparant token of water.

If store of Toades, namely olde ones goe from their holes in the evening,

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ning, it is a signe of stormy weather and rayne.

X If the dew fall not early in the morning (vnlesse it be let by the winde) it is a signe of rayne.

If Swallows bee seene to flutter and flie about, or ouer the Waters or marshy grounds, and with their winges to touch the water, it is a manifest token of great rayne.

The appearing of a Salamander, is a token of rayne.

If the Salt bee moist or wet in any vessell, it is a token of ensuing raine.

If any blacke signes appeare in the Sunne or in the Moone, it is a signe of water.

If the weather bee hot at Sunrising and Sunsetting without any winde, it is a token of raine.

If the sound or noise of any bells bee heard further then it is wont without the helpe of any wind, it will rain shortly after.

If the stones in any wall, floze or pavement sweat, and bee moist, it will rains shortly after.

If it thunder with an East or West
winde
fierly

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Westerly wind, it is a token of rayne to bee at hand.

If it thunder in the South, it will rayne shortly after.

If it thunder lesse then it lightens in Summer, it is a manifest token of rayne.

If Plants doe turne vpon the ground more then they are wont, and that the earth they turne vpon bee small and drye, it is a manifest token of water.

If any vessels of Glasse, or any white wall, or any thing of wood or yron grow moist and dampish, and yelde any water without any manifest cause, it is a signe that it will raine shortly after.

If long biled Wyds doe picke their feathers, it shewes manifest signes of water.

If Birdes that commonly sit and keepe on trees, leaue them and goe to their nestes, it will rayne shortly after.

If Foules or Birdes that keepe in sweet waters bath themselves and flutter therein, it foreshelleth raine to be at hand.

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If Wydes of what kinde soeuer make more noise with their wings then commonly they are wont, it is a token of raine at hand.

If blacke birds doe shew themselves in any quantity or together, they foretell shew raine to follow.

If lande Wydes doe at any time bath themselves and cry about the waters, it is a signe of raine.

If Hearnese bee scene sitting in the fieldes sadly, it signifieth raine.

Any gale of winde comming from the West, signifieth moistnesse and water.

If that venomous Worme leaue their holes and come out of the ground, it is a token of rayne.

If the Worme called Woodlice or Hoglice bee scene in great quantity together, it is a token that it will rayne shortly after.

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Signes of Storme and Wind.

If Duckes and water Bennes, or Dogdiners do diue in the water, and shake their winges, it is a token of winds.

If the Rainebow appeare very red, it is a signe of ensuing winds.

If the Rainebow shew it selfe in a calmy weather, it is a manifest token of winds to follow.

If in an euening it lighten towards the North, it foretels great windes to ensue that way.

If in a cleare night it lighten from the South and South west, it shewes that there will winds come thence.

If dogs do tumble and roule along the ground, it is a signe of winds.

If any small cloudes appeare in a faire and cleare weather, it is a shew of great winds to follow.

If Dolphins bee seene to play and skip vpon a calme Sea, there will great windes followe that way whence they come.

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If a lampe or other light sparkle, it is a foreshew of ensuing winds.

If the fire send forth his flames wa-
ving, or that it sparckles more then or-
dinary, it is a signe of windy weather.

If any fiery sparkes take holde of
pots, pipkins, or pannes, whē they are
taken from the fire, it is a signe of stormy
winds.

The crowing of Cocks, or cackling
of Hennes in the night more then ordi-
nary, it is a signe of windes.

If the Moone appeare smal and red,
and if that part which is not lyghtened
with the helpe of the Sunne bee fiery or
sparckling, it is a token of windes to
follow.

If the sea doe rise or swell about the
shore, it is a token of windes.

If the sea cast forth great floze or
pieces of some, it is a manifest token of
stormy winds.

If the Sea bee more greenish or
blewish then it is wont, it is a token
of Southerly winds, if it bee darke it is
a signe of Northerly windes.

If the Cormorant doe still conti-
nue in the waters, it is an evident shew
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of winds.

If any great clouds be seen to passe aloft and very high in the skie, look from whence it comes, thence shal you shortly after haue stoze of winds.

If the Clouds be any thing thicke, or bigge towards the North, and coming nere the Sunne they doe vanish away, there will winds follow.

If clouds appeare small, thicke and dyse resembling flockes of sheepe, it is a signe of winds.

It seldome cansteth raining or snowing without some wind.

If the beames of the Sunne bee red and broad, and pierce the cloudes like darts, they foretell winds.

If there bee any red signe in the face of Moone, there will wind follow.

The Hedgehogge is commonlye wont to haue two holes or vents in his denne or caue, the one toward the North, the other toward the South, and looke which of them bee stoppes, thence shal great stormes and Windes follow.

If there be any circles red, or of divers colours about the Sunne when it riseth,

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riseth, it is signe of **W**inde.

If the **S**unne rise verpe, warme,
and flame not, it is a shew of **W**indes.

If the **S**unne continue hot oꝛ scorching many daies together, it is a token of **W**indes to continue long together.

If any **S**tarrs be seene to runne oꝛ fall in the sky like darts, leaving a taile, it is a signe of winds.

Great store of **S**pider webs do foretell ensuing winds.


If it thunder in the morning, it is a manifest shew of winds.

Windes beginning with the rising of the **M**oone.

Those winds that be ginne by day time, are of more continuance the those that rise in the night.

The winds coming from the east are drie, and doe commonly engender drought.

The **N**ortherne wind is ever more healthfull then the **S**outherne.


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Signes and tokens of faire weather.

Great store of Snowe and water in
Winter, shew that the spring time
and summer following shall be faire and
warine.

The rising of the Raine-bow very
high in any rainy Weather, foretels
cleare and faire weather.

If the Raine-bow appeare in the
East toward the evening, it is a token
of very faire weather.

If the Raine-bow appeare in the
Winter time without any winde, and
some raine withall, it is token of faire
weather.

If it lighten in the horizon without
thunder, it is a token of cleare and faire
weather.

If night Bats shewe themselves
in greater number, or more timely in
the evening then they were wont, it is
a manifest signe that the next day after
shall be cleare and faire.

If the Moone appeare in the West
By with

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With cleare hornes, with no vapours about it, three daies before the opposition, and three daies after the conjunction, it is a manifest token of long faire and cleare weather.

A cleare moon, and without any vapours about it appearing the third day before it giue any light, or the third day after that it first shines, signifies cleare and faire weather.

If kites be seene to walke and flye together, it is a token of faire weather.

If little Flies or Gnats bee seene to houer together about the beames of the Sun, before it set, and flie together, making as it were the forme of a pillar, it is a manifest token of faire weather.

If any clouds in the aire be seene to decline downward, it is a signe of faire weather.

If sheepe or Goats bee seene to iointe and couple together late or in an evening, it is a token of faire weather.

If the Sonne rise or set cleare without any cloud, it is a token of faire weather.

If Sea byrds, or water Fowles doe
not

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not stretch out their wings keeping a longt the Sea shoare, it is a sign of faire weather.

Any Winde comming from the North, and stirring many clouds, signifies very cleare and faire.

If Oren be sene to lye along vpon the left side, it is a token of faire weather.

If any miste fall either in the spring time or Autumne, sozetels that daye to be cleare and faire.

The skye being red in an euening, sozetels the next morning to bee fayre.

The skriching of an Oule in foule weather, is a token of faire weather at hand.

The laying of Dalwes in a morning declare faire weather to come.

The leaping of Dolphins in a troubled Sea rousing and sprinkling of the water, sozetels cleare and faire weather.

If Antes or Wites dwelling in anye hollow place doe remoue their Egges, it is a signe of faire weather.

If any steame, rike, or smoke being white doe rise in a morning before

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the Sun ouer any waters, Poles, mar-
rishes, or meadowes, it is a token of faire
weather.

If Cranes be seene flye forthright,
without turning aside or backe, it is a
manifest token of faire weather.

The appearing of the white Circle
called Halo about the Moon in the form
of a Crowne, foreshews faire weather to
come.

If the Moone appeare the third day
before the coniunction with smal horns,
it signifies faire weather.

Signes of foule and stormy wea- ther.

If Bees flie not farre from their hives
or Trees, it is a signe of foule wea-
ther.

If Ases shake their eares, it is a
token of some foule weather to bee at
hand.

When night Bats lie hid and come
not abroad, it is a signe of stormy wea-
ther.

When Oren bite their forefeet, it is

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a manifest token of some soule weather to follow.

If Oxen eat more and feede more greedily then they are wont, and lye vpon their right side, there wil soule weather follow.

If dogs lye vpon their right side, it is a token that soule and stormy weather will follow very shortly.

When Rams do skip and leap more then ordinary, & that they butt or shoke one against another, it is a signe of ill weather.

If Owles shrike either in daye or rainy weather, it is a manifest signe that ill weather is at hand.

If Dawes do iape or cackle continually twice or thrice, it is a token of soule and stormy weather.

If Dawes doe iape or cackle in an euening quietly, it is a signe of stormy weather.

If the flame of the fire do waue vp and downe, or that sparckles flye from it, there will stormy weather follow.

If Cokes doe crow by night more timely then they were wont, it is a

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token of chaunge of weather and great stormes.

If the wolues do howle extraordinaryly, or come into corne fieldes or meadowes, it is a signe of foule weather.

If the Moone rise or appeare with two or three blew or black circles about it, it is an euident token of stormy weather.

If the sea doe swell and flow higher then ordinary, it is a signe of foule weather.

If the Cormozant doe keepe the water still, it is a token of ill weather.

If small clouds dispersed and scattered abroad appeare in cleare weather, it is a manifest token that the foul weather following shall last long.

If the cloudes appeare whitish in Summer time, it signifies very foule weather and very furious stormes.

If Geese doe flye aloft crying and cackling, it is a token of foule weather to follow.

The chirping of Sparrowes in the morning, foretelleth foule weather.

If sheepe and Goates doe ioyne and couple together in the morning, there
will

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Will stormy and foule weather follow.

The blustering noise of leaues and trees in woods, is a token of very foule weather.

If the Sky be ouercast with clouds, and that the sun do rise, and the beames thereof be sene to pierce thzough them, it is a token of foule weather.

If Stares doe flye together in any great number in the morning, and that after ward they retorne backe so, it is a signe of some foule and blustering weather to follow.

Great stozz of cobwebs & spiderwebs declare foule weather to be at hand.

If it thunder in an euening, it is a signe of ensuing stormy weather.

If it thunder when the wind blows, it is a token of very foule weather.

If in the beginning of Winter small birds doe flocke together in the fields, it is a token of long foule weather.

If the Hearnnes flye and soare aloft, and very high, it is a signe of foule and ill weather.

If small créeptng wormes bee sene to keepe néere the thzæ leaped grasse, it is a token of very stormy weather.

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Signes of heat and hote weather.

If it lighten, the ayre and weather being cleare, it is a signe of hot weather.

If night Battes come in great numbers, and more timely in the evening then they are wont, it is a sign of great heat to follow.

If a mist or hoze frost do fall either in the spring time, or autumnne, it is a token that that day shall be hot.

If Ravens or Crows bee seene to stand gaping towards the Sunne, it is a manifest signe of extreame heate to follow.

If Humblebees or Drones flye abroad in an evening, it is a signe of great heat.

The rising of anye white smoake, steame or rike vpon the waters, meadowes, or marishes before the rising or setting of the Sunne, or in the night time, it is an euident signe of verpe whote weather to followe shortly.

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If small Flies, Bites, or Gnats do flye, flocke and play together in great heapes before sunneset, it is a token of hot weather.

If Kites bee seene to play and flye leysurely in the ayre, it is a token of beate.

Signes of cold and frosty weather.

If the ayre of our Region bee soulering and fainting hot, it is a signe of cold weather to ensue.

If it beginne to freeze with an Easterly wind, it is a token that the colde weather shall last a long time.

If a tame Nightingale bee heard to sing and wilde ones not, it is a signe that Winter is at hand, and that it will be very cold.

If the moone be blackish, and darke and thicke, it signifies winter and very cold.

If the Moone rise or appeare with two or thre cleare circles about it, it is a signe that the aire shall be very cold.

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If in the beginning of a frost it snow but softly, and the Snowe bee dzizeling small, it is a signe of cold weather.

If in Winter time the clowdes bee white, it is a signe of long and extreame cold weather.

If in Winter time clowdes appeare whitish about the Horizon, it is a signe of extreame cold weather.

If Shæpe or Dren about harted time be sene to scrape and digge up the ground, and that they stand with their heads close together, it is a signe that Winter is at hand.

It is a manifest signe of colde weather, if the dew fall not in the morning, especially not being hindered by the wind.

If in the Winter the Sunne set more cleare, red, and bright then it is wont, and that a Northerne or any other cold wind blowe, it is a signe that the night will be very cold.

If the starres in Winter time appeare more bright and clearer then ordinarily they are wont, it is a manifest token of cull weather.

If Starres do send forth any little
spare

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sparkles, it is a signe of extreame cold weather.

If in the beginning of Winter small Birdes flocke and flye together, pecking and seeking abroad in the open fieldes for food, it is a token of extreame and long cold weather.

If Sea birds or foules forsake the sea, it is a sign that a cold Winter is at hand.

If water foule, or birds as Ducks, Drakes, Mallardes, or such like bee seene in the beginning of Winter to seeke for great and broad waters which freeze not, or that they goe to the sea, it is a signe of very long cold weather.

If olde men that bee troubled with the gent, with the quartane ague, or any aches in their bones or ioynts, doe feele any alteration in colde weather, or the colde to trouble them, it is a manifest token that cold weather shall follow.

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Signes of Snow.

If the aire of our Region be faint and warme, it is a signe of Snowe to follow shortly.

If in Winter time the cloudes be whitish it is a signe of Snowe at hand.

If for two or three dayes together in Winter the Clouds be very whitish towards the evening, it is a signe of much snow.

If when it raines the aire be troubled and overcast, and that the Cloudes be more whitish then they are wont, it is a manifest token of snow: and so much the more if the aire bee warme and southerly.

Signes of Ice and Frost.

If in Winter time when it raines, marble stones and paper do sodainely dry up, it is a token of cold weather and frost.

At what time soever Ice doth consume

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sume and that with Water, the Frost ensuing will be dissolved into raine.

If it beginne to freeze with an Easterly wind, it is an euident token that it will freeze a long time together.

If in the beginning of a Frost it snowes, and that the snow be small and drizzling, it is a signe that it will freeze a long time.

If the dew fall not in the morning, namely not being hindered by y^e winde, it is a token of Colde and frosty weather.

If Starres do sparckle in Winter, it is a token of a hard frost.

If in y^e beginning of Winter smal birds do flocke and flye together seeking for food amidst the corne fields and meadowes, it is a token of very colde and frosty weather.

If birds or foule haunting the waters, as Geese, Ducks, Mallardes, and other such like in the beginning of winter be seene to flye to great waters that freeze not, or that they goe to the Sea, it is a manifest token that very colde and frosty weather shall followe and continue a long time.

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If old men or any other being troubled with the Gout, the quartane ague, or haue any Aches in their Bones or ioynts, and that in colde weather they bee troubled or feele any alteration in them, it is a signe of ensuing frost.

Signes of calmy weather.

Lightnings doe allay the winds, and by how much the greater the lightning and thunder is, by so much y more are the winds allayed, and greater calme doth follow.

If Dolphins be seene to leape and hop about the waters in a stormy Sea sprinkling the water, it is a signe of a calme to follow.

If the Moone rise or appeare with a cleare circle about it, and that it vanish by little and little, it is a manifest token of cleare and calmy weather to ensue.

If after winds there follow any sodaine shoure of raine, it is a token of a quiet calme.

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Signes of stormes and tempests.

If plumes be fertile and forward,
it is a token of storms and tempests.

If any comets or blazing starres
appeare, it is a signe of tempest.

If the moone rise and appeare with
blewish, blackish or darkish circles a-
bout it, it is a token of tempest: and so
much the greater, by howe much the
more those circles are broken, greenish,
or more darke.

If in summer time the cloudes bee
pale and white, it is an evident token
of furious, stormy, and tempestuous
weather.

If Sheepe and Oxen about harvest
time be seene to scrape or dig the ground
with their feet, and to lye one towards
another, it is a signe of a stormy & tem-
pestuous Winter.

If it thunder towards the evening, it
is an evident token of some tempest at
hand.

If it thunder with an Easterly or
Westerly wind, it is a signe of some
C follow.

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following furious stormy weather.

If the Winde blowe hard in the South, and presently chaunge to the North, it is a tokē of a very great tempest, namely vpon the Seas,

Signes of Lightning.

Lightning is a part of the air moued and stirred vp with the force of the fiery and shining spheare.

Lightenings do allay the windes, and by howe much the more violent and flashing they are, by so much the more doe they appease them, but not so much in Winter, as about the spring time.

If Starres be sēne to moue and fall in great numbers, it is a signe that it will lighten very shortly after.

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Signes of thunderbolts or claps.

If the fire bes séene to sparckle extraordinarily, and the coles to raise and make the ashes swell, it is a signe of some thunderbolt.

If in summer time the cloudes bes pale and whitish, it is a signe of storms and tempestes together with thunder-clappes and boltes to fall shortly after.

If it thunder in the evening, it is a token of sodaine change of weather, and great tempestes to followe with fall of thunderbolts, with great flashing and lightning.

Signes of thunder.

Thunder is a violent sounde, and motion of it selfe, running with his owne force in the aire.

If the Rainebolwe appeare in the West, it is a token of thunder.

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If fire send forth many sparkling sparkes, it is a signe of thunder.

If clouds be like vnto bladders, long and round, it is a manifest token of an horrible thunder, able to affright and make men fall as dead.

If great store of starres bee seene to fall and runne in the aire, it is a token of thundering and lightening to follow.

Signes of earthquakes.

If any springs, fountaines, wels, or other waters be seene to bee troubled and thick (without a manifest cause) or to tast saltish, or contrary to nature to lose his ordinary tast, and to stinke, it is a signe of some earthquake to follow shortly after.

If Conduit or Pipe Waters bee heard to make any extraordinary noise or to stirre violently, it is a token of earthquakes.

The Heauens and the seas doe foretell if any earthquake bee at hand, for vnlesse the element and sky bee so still, calme and cleare that the birds be scant
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able to flye in the aire , and that the seas be so quiet and calme and scant bee seene to stirre, there is no Earthquake likely to happen.

If any Region or Countrey shall bee obscured and darkened by the shadow or darkenesse of any eclipsed planet , it is great likelyhede that some Earthquake will follow, and much the more if the shadow or darkenesse be the greater.

If any Earthquake bee at hand, the Sea will giue manifest tokens thereof vnto the skilfull Barriner, for though no winde bee stirring, the sea will swell and mount with billowes and great waues as in a Tempest and Storme : Moreover , whatsoeuer a shippe is freighted and balasted with all shall bee seene to shake and stirre as if it were in any other building or land.

If any cloud bee seene red and fiery, and to pierce the aire in the forme of a pillar , it is a manifest token of some earthquake.

Small, long, and whitish cloudes like vnto long lines towards the West,

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are commonly manifest tokens of ensuing earthquakes.

If the Sunne be overcast and darke for some dayes together without anye cloudes, it is a signe y some earthquake will follow.

If the Sunne and Moone appeare darke, red, bloody, or fiery, it is a token of some succeeding Earthquake.

If there be any terrible noise heard in the air like vnto howling belowings, buffings or humane clamours, or like the clattering of armour, there is some Earthquake at hand.

If the weather bee very quiet, still and calme for a month or two together without anye motion or stirring of winds, it is an euident token of some ensuing earthquake.

If any Earthquake bee at hand or likely to follow, all birdes and foreswoted Beastes are commonlye wont to leane and forsake their accustomed and ordinary homes, nestes, caues, dens, or habitations, and to seeke for new dwellings or harborough, seeking thereby to auoid the iniury of foule weather.

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Of comets or blazing starres.

A Comet is no starre, but is created by a hot and drie exhalation, and is an euident token of a corrupted ayre, and therfore comets are as it were forerunners of destruction and corruption of earthlye thinges, and signifie great tempests and stormy winds to follow.

What time soeuer a comet doth appeare it is very dangerous the whole yeare after.

A Comet is a foresigne of Earthquakes, of warres, of alteration of kingdomes and great states, of the fall and death of great men and Princes, and also of beasts of hot and moist complexions, of plagues and famine, and especiallye it threatens those Princes and great men which are subiecte to the climate where the Comet appeareth.

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Of Iris or the Rainbow.

The Raine bowe is nothing els but the rayes and beames of the Sunne, which beating against the concavity of the cloudes, do reflect toward the Sunne agayne: and the mixture of the Cloudes, and the alyre and fiery Elementes doe cause that diuersitye of colours in it.

The Raynebowe neuer appeareth but opposite to the Sunne, and is neuer seene by night.

The Rayne-bowe is as a marke and token giuen by God to mankinde that hee will neuer destroye the worlde againe with a generall flode.

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*Signes of any corruption, blasting,
rotte, or infection.*

If anye Comets appeare ; it is an
evident token of blasting and cor-
ruption of all Fruites, Pulse, and
corne.

If the Summer bee moist, wet and
clowdy, it is a signe that all Fruites,
Corne, and all kind of pulse shall be bla-
sted and corrupted.

If the spring time bee very clow-
dy, and full of mistes and hoary frostes,
namely when trees doe budde and blou-
some, and that the fieldes ware greene,
it is a manifest token that all fruities of
the earth shall bee blasted, rotten, or de-
stroyed.

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Signes of plenty and abundance.

Great store of rayne and water in winter betokeneth a good and plentiful full yeare after.

Great store of snow in winter signifieth a plentiful full yeare.

If great store of Snowe doe fall on the plaine, it is a token that the Froste shall not continue long, and that great plenty of Fruit and Corne will follow.

Signes of dearth and want of corne.

The appearing of a Comet, or blasing starre, is a signe of a deare yeare.

If in the sowing time or Summer there fall great store of waters, or that the skye bee overcast for some daies together

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gether with clowdes, hoarefresses and
and mistes, or that the Winde keepe
any while in the South, it is a manife
fest token of a great dearth, and the
rather if these things happen at what
time the Trees beginne to budde and
blossome, or when the Cornefieldes be
greene.

If birds flocke and flye together in
great companies, and with cryinges
and chirpings, forsake the Islands, the
Woods, or the maine Lande, and with
draw themselves to Citties, Townes,
Houses, and fieldes, it is a token of a
great barrennesse, dearth, and want of
victuals.

The truest, and most likelie and
manifest token of an ensuing dearth and
barrennesse, is the cruell and bloodye
Warres, caused through the Ambition
of insatiate and greedy Tyrantes, by
their instruments, the licentious, mer
cilesse, and couetous Souldiours, who
neither regarding succeeding wante,
nor any Christianlike motion, kill and
lawlesly wast all sorts of Cattels, spoile
and fondly consume what Corne soeuer
they can lay handes vpon, neuer regar
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ding to keepe anye seede for a newe
yeare, subuerting houses, burning
Townes, oppressing or imprisoning
all sortes of persons, of what
sexe soeuer, to the great
heartes græfe and
vndoing of all
men.

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To the gentle Reader.

 Now curteous Reader that
euen as the earth doth not
produce in all places alyke,
so the heaven is not of one
selfe same force & operation in eue-
ry place, thou must therefore euer re-
ferre the iudgement of all these ad-
uertisements, & of the constitution
of the air only to the horizon, where
these foresaid signes shall appeare.

Then are the signes most certain
when many of them doe concur to-
gether in one: But if thou wilt line
free from all troubles and worldlye
cares, arme thy selfe with an vndan-
ted courage neuer to feare death,
which will bee very easie for thee to
do, if with a lively and constant faith
thou shalt embrace Christ Iesus our
Lord, & vnfainedly loue thy neigh-
bor as thy selfe.

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The names of the Authors
from which these signes are col-
lected, besides the experience
that hath been made of them by
many ancient & late shepheards,
and other men.

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Alexander Am-
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Aratus.
Aristotle.
Auienna.
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Claudius Tolomeus.
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Cornelius Celsus.
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Mesue.
Ouidius.
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Plinius.
Proclus.
Rafin.
Temistro.
Theofastem.
Varro.
Virgilius.

And many others.

